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Katie Carpenter
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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RE: Comments to Tentative Report of Waste Discharge Requirements, B & R Livestock Washout,
Truck Wash Facility, Tulare County

Dear Ms. Carpenter

While I respect the position of the Water Quality Control Board, as a small business owner, I simply am not able to financially afford the compliance requirements that are being recommended for my business.

I understand that there is a two year period being recommended to have my wastewater ponds lined and after making some phone calls and getting some information on the cost of having that done, unfortunately, I am not able to get that done in a two year period. When I purchased the property and business in 2016 I had to take out a substantial size loan to do that and I have a large monthly loan payment for the next seven years.

I employ 7 people at the facility and we service customers from all over the United States. Frequently, I have customers tell me how much they appreciate the service that we provide to them and that ours is the cleanest, friendliest, most comfortable, and best washout facility in the country. They look forward to coming to California because they get to stop at the nicest washout they've ever seen. I am proud of those things. I am proud of my business. I do not want to have to close up because I can't afford to be in compliance with what the Water Quality Control Board is requiring. That is what I am now facing.

I ask that you take into consideration, giving me at least 8-10 years to get my ponds lined, if absolutely necessary. In that time, I should have my loan paid and will be in a much better financial position.

Thank you for taking the time to consider other options for a small business owner.

Sincerely,

Jason Thompson, Owner
B & R Livestock Washout